

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY DIVISION
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SUBJECT: WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) OF 2000

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of an addition to the Charleston District, Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division's website. The website now contains a link to obtain information regarding the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA) and can be found at:

<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/?action=regulatory.wrda>

WRDA allows the Corps to accept funds from non-federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permit actions under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. Section b. of WRDA, entitled "Effect on Permitting" states that "the Secretary shall ensure that the use of funds accepted under subsection (a) will not impact impartial decision making with respect to permits, either substantively or procedurally."

The Charleston District has a cooperative agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the South Carolina Department of Transportation which can be found on the above mentioned website. The purpose of this Agreement is to "set forth the responsibilities of the Parties relative to priority review of transportation projects with the goal of achieving timely design and implementation of effective, safe and financially prudent transportation improvements, while also assuring such design and implementation is sensitive to protection of natural resources for which the Corps is responsible under Federal statutes and regulations." Other items of interest pertaining to WRDA that can be found on the website include information on Section 214, SAFTEA-LU, Federal Guidelines, Charleston District's Point of Contact, and FY 2010 final permit decisions.